

Welcome to Versailles State Park



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Please join us for any activity. All programs are free and open to the public. All activities will be held at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted. All times for programs are Daylight S.T. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor programs. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Please stop by and visit our Nature Center during your stay. Live snakes, turtles, fish, and exhibits highlight the natural resources of our park. Thank you and enjoy your visit!

Week of June 9- June 15, 2008

Monday, June 9- Wed, June 11, 2008

Nature Center Closed.

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Nature Center Open from 8-4 pm

10 am Animal Imposters

Both predator and prey use remarkable forms of deception to achieve their goals- either to eat or avoid being eaten. Come watch this 1 hr video on animal imposters.

12 pm Poetry Walk

Join us at Oak Grove Parking Lot to walk down Fire Tower Rd. for an hour of leisurely walking and poetry reading to get inspired to write your nature poems.



2 pm Turtle Time

Come to the nature center to learn about our turtles and then make you own turtle to keep.



Friday, June 13, 2008

Nature Center Open from 2-6 pm

3 pm Tree ID 101

We are surrounded by a lush green forest, however that forest is made up of many different kinds of trees and while on the surface they may all look the same, they're not. Learn about the diversity of trees in Versailles State Park and the uses of those trees. Through learning how to identify trees using a key, you will begin to discover the diversity in this lush green forest.

7-9 pm Campground Nature Center

Tonight the nature center will be in the campground. Stop by and meet the naturalist, see live animals, pick up lots of free brochures and goodies for the kids, find out what's going on this weekend and ask the naturalist all your questions. Campground A- First Comfort Station.

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Nature Center Open from 8-4 pm

9 am Edible Forest

What could you eat, if you had to survive in the woods? Would you be surprised if I told you that this lush green forest could

be a salad? Come find out what's good eatin and what's poisonous, so if you're ever lost you'll not be without food.

12 pm Creek Safari

Want to get wet in wild in Fallen Timber Creek, well here's your chance. Join us for a creek safari to discover aquatic life and fossils. Please wear old clothes and shoes, we will be getting wet and muddy and bring a net if you wish.



2 pm Fish Tales

Join us as we fish for facts in this fun game where we learn about fish as we separate fact from fiction.

9 pm Nature's Night Owls

Take a hike with the interpretive naturalist down Fire Tower Rd, to discover nature's nightlife. Find out who's out at night and learn how animals depend less on their vision at night and develop their other senses, through this interactive and enjoyable hike for the whole family. Please do not bring flashlights, remember we are learning to develop our night vision and rely on our other senses. Meet at Oak Grove Parking Lot.



Sunday, June 15, 2008

Nature Center Open from 8-4 pm

9 am Birding at the Nature Center

Come learn about the birds that call the nature center grounds home. Come here some interesting facts about these birds and start to learn birds by sight and song.

11 am The Life of Butterflies and Moths

Come to the nature center to learn about the lives of these unique insects. Then through a fun game you will be able to better understand their life cycle.



1 pm Nature Scrapbook

Come make a book with flowers and leaves to use as an identification guide or just to commemorate your time at Versailles.

3 pm Nature Video & Discussion

This week we will be learning about wildfires and the difference between them and controlled burns that state parks and other agencies use to maintain the land. Join us for a relaxing hour in the nature center as we watch this video and delve into the issue of wildfires.



Nature Scavenger Hunt

Come to the nature center anytime we're open to pick up your clue sheet. See how many items you can find. Then come back to the nature center for a prize.